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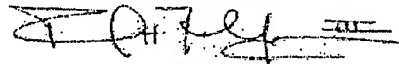
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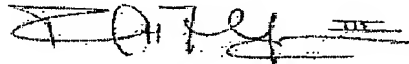
This Response is in reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed 28 December, 2005. The Publishing division indicates that the application is incomplete because Mr. Wesley Koontz has not filed signed papers with the application. The Applicant respectfully traverses the objection by the publishing division. The Application is complete and ready for issuance.

The signature of Mr. Wesley C. Koontz was submitted 01 May, 2002, with the Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

The Applicant notes, however, that the inventorship of this application was amended on 22 February, 2005 when the claims were amended in response to a restriction requirement. An inventorship amendment under 37 CFR § 1.48(b) was filed and entered by the Examiner. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney was filed on the same day by the only inventor remaining for the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests the issuance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Applicant is given 30 days from the mail date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. A failure to reply will result in the application being ABANDONED. This period for reply is NOT extendable under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) or (b).

- ♦ Inventor's signature is missing from the oath/declaration/ADS. No petition under Rule 1.47 filed. (Wesley Koontz) Fax missing information to number below or e-mail.
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